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| Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37) | Application No. 09/737,185 | Applicant(s) BOWMAN ET AL. | |
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The Appeal Brief filed on 01/02/08 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.
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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☒ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)).
6. ☐ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. ☐ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner **and relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

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Continuation of 10. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items): Claim 1 recites "a diagnostic specimen system comprising a population of biomedical specimen collection vessels located at and transported between a vessel distribution facility, a specimen collection facility, and a specimen testing laboratory facility, wherein each of the collection vessels includes a wireless electronic memory tag for non-contact storage and retrieval of information attached thereto such that the tag remains attached to the vessel as the vessel is transported between facilities". The summary refers to step 10, Figure 4 and Figure 1 in describing the limitations of claim 1. Neither Figure 1, nor Figure 4 demonstrate location of the vessels at a vessel distribution facility and transporting vessels from vessel distribution facility. The same is true for other independent claims (9, 18, 19, etc.) The Summary does not map the limitation for collecting and transporting vessels at the vessel distribution facility in the specification.

37 CFR 41.37, clearly indicates that "a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference character". The first five pages of the summary are not related to the concise explanation of the subject matter defined in the independent claims, while in the rest of the summary not every detail recited in the independent claims is mapped in the specification.